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1. THE HAARETZ REPORT YESTERDAY (REFTEL A) THAT THE US IS ADVISING ISRAEL TO ENCOURAGE WEST BANK PARTICIPATION AT THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR REPORTS IN OTHER PAPERS. SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TOP STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE REPORTED TO BE DISCUSSING THE QUESTION, BUT NOT PRESSING ISRAEL TO CHANGE ITS POSITION.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS AT THE MFA, WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING TO INDICATE ANY FORTHCOMING CHANGE IN ISRAELI VIEWS ON THE PLO. THE DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (RAVIV) TOLD US THIS WEEK THAT THE GOI SEES NOTHING NEW AS HAVING COME OUT OF THE PLO CENTRAL
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COMMITTEE MEETING IN DAMASCUS. THE FACT THAT THE PLO REFERRED TO THE CONCEPT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE, RAVIV SAID, DOES NOT MEAN THEY HAVE ABANDONED THEIR GOAL OF ELIMINATING ISRAEL.

3. THE DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS (VERED) TOLD

US, IN TURN, THAT THE GOI DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY PALESTINIAN
FROM THE WEST BANK OR THE EAST BANK WHO HAS BEEN INVITED
TO ATTEND THE PNC SESSION IN CAIRO. SHE DOUBTED THAT
JORDAN COULD PERMIT EAST BANK PALESTINIANS TO ATTEND, EVEN
IF INVITED, BECAUSE THIS WOULD UNDERCUT JORDANIAN INTERESTS.
THE PNC, VERED SAID, IS A PLO-SPONSORED CONVENTION WHOSE
RESOLUTIONS ARE PREPARED IN ADVANCE, AND PARTICIPATION
BY WEST AND/OR EAST BANKERS COULD NOT MODERATE CONFERENCE
RESULTS. ON THE CONTRARY, A NEGATIVE RESULT WOULD BE THAT
THE WEST AND/OR EAST BANKERS WOULD BE DRAWN MORE INEXTRICABLY
INTO PUBLIC ASSOCIATION WITH THE PLO, SHE SAID.
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